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C O N F I D E N T I A L STATE 025105

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: EAIR, GW, US, WB

SUBJECT: PAN AM IGS CLAIM

REF: 78 STATE 022864; 77 BONN 3398; 77 BONN 2987; 77 BONN  
21294; 77 STATE 261093; 77 BONN 14832; 77 STATE 28509

1. FOLLOWING MEETING REPORTED REFTEL STATE 022864, DEPART-  
MENT REPORTED ITS RESULTS TO NORMAN SEAGRAVES, INTERNA-  
TIONAL COUNSELOR OF PAN AMERICAN AIRLINES. PAN AM  
PREFERRED THAT BONN EMBASSY APPROACH FRG AT A HIGH POLITI-  
CAL LEVEL, AND FEARS THAT DEPARTMENT APPROACH TO MINISTER-  
COUNSELOR HERE RUNS RISK THAT ISSUE WILL BE REFERRED TO  
SAME FRG PERSONNEL WHO HAVE DEALT WITH IT TO DATE, MAKING  
DOUBTFUL ANY CHANGE IN FRG POSITION.

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2. ACCORDING TO SEAGRAVES, PAN AM HAS RECENTLY LEARNED OF  
A SIMILAR CLAIM BY BRITISH AIRWAYS FOR LOSSES RESULTING  
FROM THE 1973 SLOWDOWN. BRITISH AIRWAYS HAS REPORTEDLY  
RECEIVED A WAIVER OF THE STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS UNTIL  
ANOTHER FRG CASE, INVOLVING CIMBER AIR, A DANISH CARRIER,  
HAS BEEN DECIDED IN THE HIGHEST FRG COURT. AS PAN AM'S  
WAIVER OF THE STATUTE RUNS ONLY UNTIL FEBRUARY 28, IT

IS CONSIDERING ANOTHER OPTION, EXTENSION OF WAIVER TO  
MATCH BA'S, ALONG WITH OPTION TO FILE SUIT.

3. PAN AM HAS CONSIDERED ADVISABILITY OF A MEETING WITH  
FRG MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT OFFICIALS. PAN AM WOULD REQUEST  
USG PARTICIPATION IN SUCH MEETING. FOR THE MOMENT,  
HOWEVER, WE CONCURRED THAT SUCH A MEETING WOULD BE  
DUPLICATIVE OF THE DEPT'S JAN 26 EFFORT, AND THAT IT WOULD  
BE USEFUL TO WAIT 10 DAYS - 2 WEEKS BEFORE PAN AM TOOK  
FURTHER MEASURES. VANCE

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